

# ALLIES SEIZE DEDEHAGETCH RAILROAD AND CITY OF ENOS

**Bulgarians Cut Through Serb  
Defense and Block Allies Ad-  
vancing to Relief of Nish  
From Salonika, Reports Say.**

### Strumnitza, Bulgarian Stronghold, Falls Before Anglo-French Attack—40,000 Bulgars in Retreat From Border

ROME, Oct. 18.—The allied landed troops at Enos today, and seized the Dedehagatch railroad. Enos is opposite the Gallipoli peninsula. The railroad is of strategic value for operations in Turkey or Bulgaria. Its control

PARIS, Oct. 18.—Bulgarians have penetrated Serbian Macedonia and cut the Salonika-Nish railroad, the Austrian press asserts, it is stated in Geneva dispatches today, confirming reports from Salonika.

PARIS, Oct. 18. — Despite Strumnitz's capture from the Bulgarians, no pretense is made here today that the allies are yet in sufficient force in the Near East to maintain continued effective assistance to the Serbs against their Austrian, German, and Bulgarian enemies.

The elements here and in London which believe it one of the most vital necessities of the war to check the Austro-German drive through the Balkans, are bringing strong pressure to hasten reinforcements. There is much criticism of the delay.

Whether Italy will join this particular campaign remains undecided, notwithstanding previous affirmative statements. The Romanian cabinet is understood to be split on the question.

Chances are deemed somewhat better that Greece will take the allies' side. Roumania has made no move.

## Allies Spread Forces For Attack on Sofia Across Mountain

LONDON, Oct. 18.—The allies are pressing northward in Bulgaria today. The Austro-Germans are smashing southward through Serbia at the same time. The allies are progressing the most swiftly as the Serbians are resisting desperately the Austro-German advance. The allies have yet met no strong opposition.

Strumtsin's fall gave the allies control of the Salonika-Nish railroad for fifty miles northward from Salonika, about a third of the distance to Nish. Bulgarian advisers say, Strumtsin, the Bulgarian stronghold, is twenty miles east of the railroad, but it is reported that the Serb-Franco-British forces are advancing westward and securing the line as they advance northward.

Their object is believed to be to cut behind their front sufficiently to reach Nish and strike at Sofia, the Bulgarian capital, at the same time, giving the line a little more than sixty miles long.

### Bulgarians Repulsed.

About another third of the distance between Salonika and Nish, however, there are indications there will be a fierce struggle. At this point the Bulgarians are across the Serbian front and it is reliably reported that they had cut the railroad at the Serbian town of Vranja (Vranja). Here, not sooner, it is assumed that they will make a stand.

Strumitsa's capture was preceded by the repulse of the force of 30,000 It-

garians reported last week to be trying to cut the railroad between Budapest and Vlandovo, on the Serbian side of the Greek frontier. The allies drove these invaders eastward into Belgrade and dislodged them when they tried to refuge at Strumitza.

News that Field Marshal von Macensen, commanding the Austro-German forces in northern Serbia, had called for reinforcements, gave much encouragement to the

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